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OV vnderstood by my last
aduertisement how God had
giuen victorie to the king o-
uer his enemies: since which
time I haue endeouored my
selfe to learne the truth of all
things, as neere as I could, of
such as were present at the
fight, who say the victorie as it fell out, was a mira-
culous worke of God: for the forces of the Duke
de Maine were 4500. horse, aswell armed as possi-
ble, amongst which were 1600. Launces, and the
rest Petronells armed, and 18000. footmen, and the
forces of the King were 2000. horse, and 12000.
foote. The King was aduertised that the Duke *de*
Maine was passed the Riuer at *Maunte*, and that he
iornied with great boldnes towards him: where-
vpon it was aduised in counsell to raise his siege be-
fore *Dreux*, which had sustained two assaults, and
so vpon monday the 2. of March the King raised

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his siege, & encamped himselfe so neere the Duke, that the same night certaine Marshalls of the Duke lodged in certaine Villages were dislodged by the King, and there lodged himselfe by force. The next morning the King did put himselfe into the field in a faire plaine, and sawe that the Duke was returned betweene Saint *Andre* and *Tury* nere *Annet*, three quarters of a mile further than he was the day before, which troubled the King much to seeke him so farre; which was great aduantage to the enemye, and perill to the King to approach them, which made them to leaue a Village that they held. This day was nothing performed but skirmishes. The Wednesday morning the King caused euerie man to bee put in aray, he himselfe ordered the whole, and gaue order that so soone as they heard one peece of Ordnance shot of, they should prepare themselves to the battaile.

The Duke by his Espialls had discovered the signe of the Cannon, but vnderstood it had been to haue prepared for their departure, and therefore sought by all meanes to knowe which way the King ment to flee, and trussed vp his baggageto followe: but it fell out otherwise, for at this signe euerie man was prepared.

The Tuesday before, the Duke sent to knowe how the King was apparelled, whereby to knowe him, the better to lay to kill him. The King being aduertised hereof, sent a Trūpet to tell him, that he was sorie he took so much paine, & that he would ease him of that care, and that he gaue him to vnderstand,

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derstand, that (if he had desire to see him) he should finde him mounted vpon a gray horse, with a great white feather in his crest armed in blew and black, and desired to knowe how he would be armed and mounted, for that he desired to speake with him verie neere; vnto the which he answered, he would be armed in red, but the gallant was armed in black. The King hauing commaunded all into battaile array, did command euerie one to pray, which they all gladlie did in particular. This done, the king began to march forward with some part of his Cornet of horse, and caused one of the squadrons of his horse to approach behinde him, in the which was the Artillerie, which was shot with such furie amongst the *Reisters*, thrice out of euerie Cannon, that he made at euerie shot a faire breach: notwithstanding they did not let to come to the charge, where they were well receiued; and of the Cannons which the enemye discharged, there was but one shot that hurt, wherewith was slaine of the Kings Cornet foure or fve persons. The Cornet of the King was so hardlie assailed by 1600. horse in 4. parts, that he that bare the Cornet was throwne downe, & all that troope forced to retire. The King which was in another Cornet than in his owne, hauing left *Chiccor* apparelled like himselfe, sauing he had two Foxe tailes hanging in his Helmet, was merueilously charged, thinking it had bin the king, for the which *Chiccor* did mock them, & defended himselfe valiantlie. The King seeing the said Cornet so hardlie assailed, came to the head of the enemye

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mie encouraging his Armie, which began to retire crying *Amoy enfans*, it is I that am the King, and his feather being high mounted, serued for a standard, and then euerie one began to returne to the King, and charged the *Spaniards* and *Wallons*, which shewed themselves valiant men: but if it had not been for the comming of the King, all his men had fled. Vpon which returne and charge, the *Spaniards* and *Wallons* sodainlie began to flee, who were presentlie pursued by the King and his men, who gaue them no time, once being broken, to ioyne againe, charging them in sundry places. The Marshal *Daumont* charged the *Reisters*, and passed and repassed twise through them: wherevpon the said *Reisters* seeing the *Spaniards* and *Wallons* flee, which were 1600. Launces wel mounted, fled also. The Marshal *Daumont* pursuing them, met the Launce Knights, who charged him, and caused him to stay to fight: but the Launce Knights stood but a while, and retired into a small Wood, whether the footmen of the King went to them, and put the al to the sword. While this battaile was fighting, the Lord of *Humieres* of *Picardie* arrived with 300. horse to the King, who charged also the *Wallons*, and came in good time. The King fearing at the first he and his companie had been enemies that had come to charge him: but when he sawe them to assaile the *Spaniards*, hee reioyced and was glad, and then sent to knowe what he was, and it was answered, that it was *Humieres*. This man helped the King much to ouerthrowe the *Spaniards* and *Wallons*, who stood

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stood to it valiantlie before, and to saie trueth, there was none that fought well of the enemies side that day but they: By the opinion of those that were at the battaile; that first without the helpe of God, and secondarie, the valiantnes of the King, and thirdlie the happie comming of *Humieres*, the battaile had been lost on the Kings side. But marke a notable miracle, in a moment our men retired, in a moment againe returned, & after in a moment put the enemies to flight: for so soone as the King had gathered againe his men together, setting vppon them, the feare of God strooke them, (for by the iudgement of men, they had no other occasion) and so fled: also it was thought they feared the Marshall *Byron*, who all this while stood in a heape with 600. Horse to sustaine and giue helpe to the weakest parte of the Kings battaile, but when the King sent him word to giue helpe to his Cornet which was sore oppressed, he made answer, that his lying still did giue more terror & feare to the enemy making signe euerie mynute to set vpon the, than if he had entred the battaile, for if he had charged the enemy, they should no longer haue feared, seeing all the Kings forces to bee imployed. There were three Cornets of the Kings, which at the first retired, of the which *S. Bonet* which bare the corner of Captain *Rowlet* was one. The said *Rowlet* remained still in the Kings Camp onlie with 12. Launces, but afterwards did put himselfe into another Cornet to fight. *Gerponuile* who carried the Cornet of the Gouvernour of *Deepe* fel vnder his horse, where-

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vpon one of the greatest and ritcheſt Barons of *Caux*, being the commanders Lieſtenant ran to the baggage to keepe it obtaining thereby great honour. In briefe, there were many aſtonied, and ſurelie had it not been thorough the great endeouour of the King who with Marshall *D'aumont* and others hauing their hearts & minds fullie bent, ſtil encouraging his people all had been loſt. *De Maine* ſeeing this hard onſet, ſtayed not the charging of himſelte although he had with him 500. horſe but betooke him to his ſpurreſ, by *Deuery* vpo the riuer of *Eury*, which ſtoode by good hap for him. The Knight *D'aumal* and *D'namures* without fight ran awaie, then euerie one purſued the enemy by the commandement of the King. The footemen ſeeing the Tragedie, (that iſt to ſaie) the *Frenchmen* and *Switzers*, kept their place, & holding downe their pikes cried for mercie. The King ſent to take away their Enſignes, and then took them to mercie: the Lance-Knights were all put to the ſworde for their Treason at *Arkes*. *De Maine* ran away by the bridge of *Deuery*, and caſt awaie his Caſſock and tooke a Mandilian of a Soldier, and paſſing through his owne men ſlew foure or five whereby more eaſilie to paſſe, and cauſed a Barricado to bee made at the bridge and placed ſoldiers there to defende the purſuite, the King comming to the ſaid Barricado, and ſeeing ſome let beeing conducted by *Chiccor*, who aſſured him that hee knew the waie, did returne to paſſe by a ſhallowe, and purſued *De Maine* to the Suburbes of *Maunte*, which was 7. leagues from

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from the place. The Duke *de Maine* was an houre at the gates intreating entrie, which at the first they denyed, telling him they feared least the King should enter with him in the pursuite, whereupon hee sware hee had killed the King with his owne hands, but in trueth had lost the battaile, by which meanes he entred, & if he had staied but one quarter of an houre longer he had been dispatched, and had it not bin for the Barricado at the bridge of *Deuery*, which lettred them, and his speedie departure from the battaile, he had been either slaine or taken. He saued himselfe from thence to *Pontois* and so to *Saint Denis*: hee caused all the Pesants to rise by the reporte of his men that were prisoners, to kill al them that should flee: he commanded all the nobilitie of *France* to be slaine without sparing any: he ordered also meanes to kil the King, in which God hath changed his purpose. There were taken in the place of the battaile foure Cannons and other small peeeces, all his baggage, powder and munition, a great number of Charriots and horses of the *Reisters Germanes* and *Wallons*: in brieffe, the Pesants are by that meanes rich, a great number of the soldiers were drowned. The Barricado of *Deuery*, was after taken by the Kings side, and many men slaine there. In the battaile were slaine not past 1500. but in the pursuite of the flight was the great slaughter. The confusion was so great, that the baggage of *Monsieur* the Prince of *Conte* were carried away by the enemy fleeing to *Vernone*, but afterwards were recouered. There were 60. Ensignes & 40. Cornets

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taken, the white Cornet of *de Maine*, the King (having slaine the bearer) tooke himselfe. The King hath licensed the *Switzers* to depart, and hath given them a cōuoy to their Cantons, allowing them six pence a day during their trauell home, with advertisement that they should come no more against the Crowne of *France*. There is 6000. footmen *French*, which haue sworne seruice to the King, cursing *de Maine* that he left them to the butcherie of the Victor, praising greatlie the King for his great mercie. The King as yet will not accept of their seruice. The Countie *Egmond* was slaine there by the hands of Marshal *Daumont*, who was Colonell of the *Wallons*. The Duke of *Brunswicke* cannot bee found, but is thought to be dead: *Founten Martell* dead, *Bassonpierre*, *Chattenneraies*, *Baddolphen*, & diuers others dead in the place. There is of the *Wallons* past at *Amiens* 350. or 400. whereof 120. left in the Hospital being hurt. *De Maine* did send after them to *Amiens* to come to him by the *Signeur Belleanglise*: to whom they answered, they would not returne, calling *de Maine* Runne-away. The King commanded all the strangers to be slaine, and the *French* to be saued. There are few *Spaniards* or *Italians* left aliue, except those which saued themselves by flight; for although they offered great sommes of money for their ransome, yet were they all slaine. The *Pesants* mocked *de Maine*, saying he caused them to come to kill the Kings men, but yet killed the others; and cryed, *God saue the King*. It is the most notable victorie that of late was heard of, and being thoroughly confide.

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considered, must be confessed to come of God.

The Tuesday night before the battaile, there was seene in this place two Armies in the Skie, the one greater than the other, and the lesse overcame the greater. This sight was seene at the time of the preparing of the Battaile; & the like at the same time in the Camp; & now we vnderstand the issue thereof by the victorie. God hath shewed himselfe apparantlic to fauour the cause, in so much that they say in the Campe, that the prayers of the Hugonots are much auailable in the sight of God. *Vernone* yeelded on Friday after, and the King entred it on Saterday: *Maunte* yeelded vpon Monday, and the King entred it vpon Tuesday. There was found 3. great Cannons with powder and shot, and there the King refreshed himselfe well. The 28. day the King departed out of *Maunte* to go to *Corbell*, *Mens* & *Mullen*, where the Duke of *Longueuile* hath 2500. horse, and 6000. footmen: which Townes are like to bee deliuered to the King, the which will bee a great helpe to aduance the parlie of them of *Paris*, which they seeke.

Monsieur de Villcroy hath bin at *Maunte*, & hath since twise spoken with the Marshall *Byron*. The King hath licensed the Gentlemen of base *Normandie* to goe home to their houses to refresh themselves, hauing sufficient forces besides. *Monsieur de Tauannes* fleeing from the Battell, hath retired himselfe to *Roan*, in shewe, to keepe them assured to de *Maine*. *Monsieur de Villiers* Gouvernour of *Newha-*

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uen comming thether, being called by the Countrie to take the gouernment and strong places, hath bin repulſed by *Monsieur de Tauannes* and *Milray*. And although they make great ſhewe to withſtand the King, yet haue they reſolued in their priuate counſell to yeeld, the King comming by force, not expecting any reſcue at all.

The Duke de *Aumale* is in *Picardie*, and the Duke de *Maine* hath withdrawne him, his wife and children out of *Paris*, and conueied his wife and children to *Perone*. Himſelfe is now at *Soiſſons* gathering what forces he can; but not likelie to gather any at this preſent, hauing no other hope, but the accuſtomed lyes of his preachers, and other his wonted practizes. From *Deepe* the 20. of *March*. 1590.

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